

Garrett Wade

Technical Memo T42

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To: Customers of the Traditional Froe From: Garrett Wade Customer Service

The catalog copy on this tool incorrectly indicates that it is made in Sweden and that the blade is forged. This is no longer true. As we cannot fix this error before September 2004, we are including this note with your shipment.

In fact, we have carried a Swedish-made forged Froe for years at a very high price to our customers. It sold well and we liked it, but we were always bothered by its very high cost, as a Froe is a simple tool that does not have to be made in a "fancy" way to work very well. The high cost from the maker was aggravated by a weak US Dollar.

Some months ago, we discovered that a USA firm that made professional Logger's tools made a Froe using a welded strip-steel blade - at much lower cost. When the Swedish firm raised its prices earlier this year, we thought that we simply had to switch - and that our customers would thank us for this move. (We hope you do.)

This new Froe, which is exactly the same size as the Swedish-made tool and which works absolutely as well, cost less than half of the Swedish one. You can, of course, return this USA-made Froe for full credit, but we hope you will enjoy using it.

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